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SUBJECT: "SIENG PASASON" COMMENTS ON HABIB INTERVIEW

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S INTERVIEW TITH
MESSRS. MCCRORY, STEELE, MATSUYAMA AND KARNOW WAS CARRIED
IN USIS/VIENTIANE'S DAILY BULLETIN IN LAO AND ENGLISH
ON FEBRUARY 18. ON MARCH 2, THE PARTY NEWSPAPER "SIENG
PASASON" PUBLISHED A COMMENTARY ON THE INTERVIEW AS
CARRIED IN THE LAO LANGUAGE BULLETIN. NEEDLESS TO SAY,
"SIENG PASASON" DID NOT AGREE WITH ALL THAT MR. HABIB
SAID. BELOW ARE SOME EXCERPTS FROM THE ARTICLE.

JAPANESE-AMERICAN COOPERATION: "MR. HABIB EMPHA-
SIZED THAT JAPAN WAS AN ECONOMIC POWER AND THAT AMERICA
WAS COOPERTING WITH JAPAN. IN REALITY JAPAN AND
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AMERICA ARE COMPETING ECONOMICALLY. JAPANESE GOODS

ATTACK AMERICAN MARKETS, CAUSING THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN CONFLICT TO BECOME MORE AND MORE SERIOUS."

BALANCE OF POWER IN ASIA: "THE BALANCE OF POWER WHICH AMERICA PLANS ON IS ALREADY IMPOSSIBLE. IN FACT, SINCE THE DEFEAT OF THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS IN INDO-CHINA, THE ANTI-AMERICAN NEO-COLONIALISM MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLES OF ASIAN NATIONS HAVE BECOME STRONGER DAY BY DAY. THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS HAD TO WITHDRAW THEIR FORCES FROM THAILAND AND ELSEWHERE. THIS DEMONSTRATES THAT THE BALANCE OF POWER HAS SHIFTED IN FAVOR OF THE FORCES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION AND THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE."

ASEAN: "IN FACT ASEAN IS NO DIFFERENT FROM SEATO. IT IS ONLY A METAMORPHOSIS OF SEATO INTO ASEAN. ASEAN, WHICH AMERICA CALLS A GROUP OF COUNTRIES COOPERATING IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMY AND CULTURE, IS A DECEPTION. IN FACT, IT IS A GROUP COOPERATING IN THE MILITARY FIELD. IT STILL ALLOWS AMERICAN BASES IN ASIA."

THAILAND: "AMERICA ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD WITHDRAW ALL ITS BASES FROM THAILAND BY MARCH 30. IN REALITY IT WILL NOT DO SO, BECAUSE, AS MR. HABIB EMPHASIZED IN THE INTERVIEW, THAILAND IS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE. ELSEWHERE IN THE INTERVIEW, HE SAID: 'THE UNITED STATES WILL FEEL FREE TO ACT ON ITS OWN, AND NOT NECESSARILY IN CONCERT WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE MANILA PACT, IF THERE WEE AN OVERT ATTACK AGAINST THAILAND.' THIS MEANS AMERICA WILL UNILATERALLY RETURN TO THAILAND IF THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS SO DESIRE."

PARIS AGREEMENT OF 1973: "MR. HABIB BLAMED NORTH VIET-NAM FOR VIOLATING THE PARIS AGREEMENT BUT, IN FACT, IT WAS AS USUAL THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS. IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT IT CLEARLY STATES THAT IF THE WAR ENDS AMERICA WILL PAY COMPENSATION FOR AND HELP TO HEAL ALL THE WOUNDS OF WAR IN INDOCHINA. HOWEVER, AT THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIME AMERICA IS NOT DOING SO. IT IS A WICKED ACTION BY AMERICA. AFTER THE PARIS AGREEMENT, AMERICA CONTINUED TO PRACTICE ITS VIETNAMIZATION POLICY SO THAT THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, HAD TO RISE UP AND PUNISH THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR SAIGON PUPPETS, THUS LIBERATING THE COUNTRY. THE FACT THAT AMERICA REFUSES TO HEAL THE WOUNDS OF WAR IN LAOS, VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA ONCE AGAIN REVEALS THE

DISHONESTY OF THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS."

CONCLUSION: "BY THIS INTERVIEW MR. HABIB
CLEARLY REVEALED THE MYSTERIOUS AND CRUEL TACTICS OF
THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS TOWARD THE COUNTRIES OF THE
EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION."

2. COMMENT: IT'S NICE TO KNOW THAT THE EDITORS OF
ASIENG PASASON" ARE READING THE USIS BILLETIN. WE
ARE STRUCK BY THE ATTACK ON ASEAN, WHICH IS THE MOST
DIRECT WE RECALL ON LAO COMMUNIST MAKING ON THAT
ORGANIZATION.
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